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BIRTHDAY

Of Thomas Moore to Be Observed Last Saturday in May.

Brilliant Irish Poet Sang Sweetly of Country and Patriots.

Lived at a Time When Literature Flourished in Great Britain.

HIS SONGS WILL LIVE LONG

Sons and daughters of Erin all over the world will celebrate the anniversary of Thomas Moore, the Irish poet, one week from today. Moore was born in Dublin on May 28, 1779. His father was a thriving merchant and his mother a highly educated woman. He inherited his poetic talent from both parents. He was destined for the bar, but had no liking for it. Though he took his degree he gave up the profession to become a man of letters. Moore left a wealth of varied prose and poetic writings. A rare union of wit and sensibility, of brilliant fancy and of varied and diligent study is exemplified in the poetical works of Thomas Moore. Although his verse had been published from the time he was thirteen years old it was not until 1806 that he entered upon his noble, patriotic and poetical task—writing lyrics for the ancient music of his native land. His Irish songs displayed a fervor and pathos not found in his earlier works, with the most exquisite melody and purity of diction. An accomplished musician himself, it was the effort, he relates, to translate into language the emotions and passions which music appeared to him to express that first led to his writing any poetry worthy of the name. Moore wrote: "Dryden has happily described music as being inarticulate poetry, and I have always felt, in adapting words to an expressive air, that I was bestowing upon it the gift of articulation, and thus enabling it to speak to others all that was conveyed in its wordless eloquence to myself."

The Irish poet lived at a period when poets and prose authors were both numerous and renowned in England. He was a contemporary of Byron, Cowper, Wordsworth, Dr. Lardner, Miss Seward, Crabbe, Coleridge, Southey, Campbell, Sir Walter Scott, Shelley, Keats, Dr. Heber, Wolfe, Collins, Knowles, Leigh Hunt, Mrs. Hemans, Robert Burns and many others. As a sweet singer Moore led all the rest. He tried his hand at satire and succeeded fairly well in the lighter vein. There was never a sting left behind by Moore's quips. Although he wrote more ambitious verse, his Irish melodies will live longest in the hearts of the people, not only of Ireland but of every country where patriotism is planted.

Moore was an Irish Catholic, as were his parents. Roman Catholics were proscribed and depressed by penal enactments during Moore's boyhood. His parents seem to have been of the number who, to use the poet's own words, "hailed the first dazzling outbreak of the French Revolution as a signal to the slave, wherever suffering, that the day of his deliverance was at hand." The poet tells us that in 1792 he accompanied his father to a dinner in Dublin. It was given in honor of the success of the French Revolution. Moore tells how he sat on the knee of the Chairman while the belated toast was enthusiastically sent round: "May the breezes from France fan our Irish oak into verdure." Amid such surroundings there is small difficulty in reasoning why his soul was filled with patriotism.

Although Moore received many thousands of dollars he died poor, neglected and a victim of senile decay. Moore had his enemies while he lived, and he knew it. Listen to this charming and yet sad-sounding plaint of the Irish melodist: "When he who adores thee has left but the name Of his fault and his sorrows behind; Oh, say, wilt thou weep, when they darken the fame Of a life that for thee was resigned? Yes, weep! and however my foes may condemn, Thy tears shall efface their decree; For Heaven can witness, though guilty to them, I have been but to faithful to thee."

In New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago Irish Nationalists will celebrate Moore's birthday. As yet no attempt has been made to celebrate the event in Louisville.

INTO ETERNAL REST.

Mrs. Josephine Reisz, widow of the late Peter Reisz and one of New Albany's most highly esteemed residents, was called to her eternal reward last Sunday morning. Her funeral took place from St. Mary's church Wednesday morning, the edifice being thronged with mourning friends and relatives. Mrs. Reisz is survived by six daughters and two sons. Her eldest daughter is a member of the Sisters of St.

Francis, and is a teacher at the convent in Oldenburg, Ind. The other surviving children are Mrs. Julius Ambruster, Mrs. Louis Zipp, Mrs. Alvin Matheny and Miss Anna Reisz, of New Albany, and Mrs. John Paul, of Jeffersonville. Her sons are Frederick C., President of Unity Council, and Carl Reisz, who are well known in business circles in the Falls Cities.

GRAND COUNCIL.

People of Bellevue Making For Great Y. M. I. Gathering.

Frank G. Adams, Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors, and Secretary Eugene J. Cooney, of this city, visited Phil Sheridan Council at Bellevue this week and there met the committee arranging for the thirteenth Grand Council of the Young Men's Institute, which meets there on Sunday, August 7, and will be in session until the following Tuesday evening. The Bellevue committee is composed of Chairman E. H. Trimbur, Secretary John Hills, Jr., ex-Mayor Joseph A. Cassidy, Henry Bezold, Harry Tieman and A. Fredricks, who have held several meetings and have the convention programme well in hand.

Upon arrival the delegates will be escorted to the rooms of Phil Sheridan Council, where there will be an address of welcome and the distribution of badges, after which the delegates and visitors will be taken to the parks and various places of interest in Cincinnati and Covington. The Grand Council will be formally opened Monday morning with a solemn high mass at St. Anthony's church by the pastor, Rev. F. A. Kehoe, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon, and a priest not yet announced will preach the sermon. The sessions will be held in the quarters of Phil Sheridan Council, and the social features will include a dance on Monday evening, and on Tuesday evening a banquet for the Grand officers, delegates and visitors.

If the Louisville councils run an excursion to Bellevue there will be a parade, and ex-Mayor Cassidy will have the citizens decorate for the occasion. Messrs. Adams and Cooney found everything enthusiastic and the Y. M. I. spirit very much awake, and say Bellevue is working hard to secure the first prize offered by the Board of Grand Directors for the greatest increase in membership.

SAVANNAH'S LOSS.

Two Irish-Americans Are Sadly Missed in Georgia.

The Irish contingent in Savannah are mourning the death of two of their leading members, ex-Chief of Police Owen Reilly and Capt. John Flannery. Mr. Reilly was a native of Savannah and had been a member of the police force in that city for twenty-eight years. He was a practical Catholic and died staunch in the faith.

Capt. Flannery was a native of Ireland and was born seventy-five years ago in the County Tipperary. He came to America at the age of sixteen. At the outbreak of the civil war young Flannery espoused the cause of the Confederacy and was elected Junior First Lieutenant of the Irish Jasper Greens, first volunteer regiment of Georgia. He served throughout the war and was made Captain of his company in 1862. He remained on the roll of the Irish Jasper Greens for more than half a century.

Capt. Flannery was a successful business man and able financier, and at his death was Vice President of the Southern Bank of Savannah. He was one of those noble men who believed in making gifts to charity before death overtook him, and in July, 1903, created the Flannery Trust Fund for the benefit of five Catholic charitable institutions in Savannah. The fund represented by a personal check for \$50,000, drawn by Capt. Flannery, is in the hands of a board of trustees. The beneficiaries are the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Female Benevolent Society, St. Joseph's Male Orphanage, the Cathedral Altar Society and the Savannah Diocesan Seminary.

BISHOP CABLES DENIAL.

Cardinal Gibbons on Monday received the following signed cablegram from Bishop Paret, of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Maryland, dated at Florence, Italy: "Cardinal Gibbons, Baltimore: Mistake! Very false. No refusal. No discourtesy." This cablegram, which was said to be the Cardinal's residence to have been spontaneous and unsolicited, refers to a report circulated in this country recently to the effect that Bishop Paret, armed with a letter of introduction from Cardinal Gibbons, requested an interview with the Pope but was refused. This is called another fake worked upon the Associated Press.

PRIMARY.

The Democratic primary to nominate a candidate for Congress from this district will be held on Tuesday, June 7. Each ward will have at least three voting places. The candidates are the incumbent, Hon. Swager Sherley, and Hon. Horman D. Newcomb, who was Senator and a Democratic leader in the last Legislature.

C. K. OF A.

National Convention Completes Its Labors With Few Law Changes.

Provides For Uniform Rank and Creates Organization Fund.

Washington Chosen as Place For the Next Triennial Meeting.

OLD OFFICERS AGAIN CHOSEN

The national convention of the Catholic Knights of America at Nashville, Tenn., the birthplace of the order, finished its business and adjourned late Friday night, after what was pronounced one of the most harmonious and successful meetings in the history of the order. Though there were many changes in the laws proposed, those adopted were few and calculated only to aid in increasing the membership. The delegates showed their appreciation of the work of the officers by giving them another term of three years, the only exception being Vice President Croghan, who could not longer devote the necessary time to the office. The officers elected are:

President—Dr. Felix Gaudin, New Orleans.
Vice President—George D. Landwehr, Cumberland, Md.
Secretary—Anthony Matre, St. Louis.
Treasurer—Charles Hannauer, St. Louis.
Supreme Trustee—Michael Quinn, Brooklyn.

Peter Wallrath, of Evansville, and Joseph Berning, of Cincinnati, were named as delegates to the Catholic Federation to be held in New Orleans next November, and Washington, D. C., was chosen as the meeting place for the convention three years from now.

The most important work of the convention related to the extension of the order, and the subject was discussed at great length. A potential influence was the presence and showing made by the uniform rank of Louisville, commanded by Capt. Tony Montedonico and Oscar Maier, and the addresses and work of State Secretary William T. Meehan and Gens. Michael Reichert and Joseph McGinn. They impressed upon the delegates the benefit and increased membership derived through the military department, which appeals strongly to young men, and pointed to the ranks from Louisville. The result was that the convention provided for an extension fund, to be realized from a monthly assessment of five cents per member. This will give the Catholic Knights a good working fund and will mean a rapid growth of the order.

An entire session was devoted to the rate question, when actuaries demonstrated that the Catholic Knights of America are now on a solid basis and the best protected fraternal insurance society in America. With these facts before them the delegates refused to make any changes.

The reports of the Supreme Secretary show that for the last three years there were called thirty-six assessments for the widows and orphans' fund. The number of deaths during the six years, 1903 to 1909, among beneficiary members was 2,434.

The closing social features were the visit to the Hermitage, the old Andrew Jackson homestead near Nashville, and the ball and banquet given by the Knights of Columbus in honor of the officers, visitors and delegates.

Messrs. Thomas Gleason, of Covington, and H. A. Vecenna, of Louisville, who represented Kentucky, express the opinion that the legislation enacted will meet general approval and that when the next triennial convention meets the order will have a largely augmented membership.

RESIGNS CHARGE.

Brother of Bishop O'Donoghue Finds Lighter Duties.

The Rev. Father Timothy O'Donoghue has resigned as pastor at Logosotee, Ind., and will be stationed at the Highland Orphans' Home in Vincennes. Father O'Donoghue is an elder brother of the Right Rev. Denis O'Donoghue, Bishop of Louisville. He has served twenty years as pastor at Logosotee and is much beloved by the people of that community.

Father O'Donoghue was in this city on March 23 to witness the enthronization of his brother as Bishop of Louisville. He occupied a seat in the front of the Cathedral just outside the sanctuary. Every part of the ceremony he watched with keen interest and from time to time wiped away a trickling tear. They were not tears of sorrow, but tears of joy. There might have been a little regret in his meditations, too, regret that their parents had not lived to see his brother Denis a Bishop.

MERRY MUSIC

To Be Presented by the Cecilian Choral Club.

The Cecilian Choral Club, an organization of well known young people of musical talents, will present "The Pirates of Penzance" at Macaulay's Theatre on the evenings of May 31 and June 1. As composers of operatic music that lingers long in public memory Gilbert and Sullivan have carved a niche for themselves in the musical hall of fame. "Patience," "Pinafore," "Mikado" and the "Pirates of Penzance" are masterpieces that will never die. The music of each and all is sparkling and catchy and the lines are bright and witty as well as clean and wholesome.

The Cecilian Choral Club has been presenting operas for several years past. Last year "El Capitán" was presented, while the "Mikado" was given in 1908. This year the club has taken the more ambitious opera, "The Pirates of Penzance." The club number among its members many able dramatic and vocal artists, and by reason of diligent rehearsals under the able tutelage of Prof. Clement A. Stapleford they have acquired an ease of manner and stage presence almost equal to professionals.

"The Pirates" is an opera in two acts, and is a continual feast of melody, interspersed with delightful comedy, contributed chiefly by John J. Flynn as Major Gen. Stanley, and James P. Roche as the Sergeant. The club has always had reason to be proud of its prima donna, Miss Louise Forst, whose exquisite soprano has few equals in the city. Others in the cast who have solo numbers are Misses Imelda Shea, Gertrude Simpson, Mae Kalaher and Alice Gilbert and Messrs. William Imorde, Dennis Ryan and David J. Maloney.

Two of the most zealous workers, who have been active since the organization of the club, are Mr. and Mrs. William T. Meehan. Mrs. Meehan is mistress of the wardrobe and her costumes are models of art. Mr. Meehan confines his attention to the business details and property accessories. The personnel of the chorus is as follows:

Sopranos—Alma Story, Edna Story, Mary Forst, Mary Eberhard, Margaret Ryan, Margaret Evans, Loretta Burke, Mary Cunningham, Katherine Cerasola, Mary Corcoran, Mary Butler, Francis Dowling, Genevieve Dowling, Mary Palmer, Philomena Schneider, Margaret Hession, Irene Glenn, Marie Sternberg, Anna Marratta, Jennie Marratta, Jessie O'Connell, Helen Gathof, May Snipp, Jennie Carstanphen, Margie Reikhan, Mary Hollenkamp, Augusta Hollenkamp, Lillian Clare.

Altos—Elizabeth King, Bertha King, Mary Clines, Mary Adams, Ida Adams, Sarah Palmer, Katherine Smith, Margaret Gathof, Julia Wiedmar, Catherine Boeswald, Mary Nichols, Lena Boeswald.

Tenors—Edward Wolf, Ben Imorde, Emmet Hanrahan, Humphrey Hanrahan, John Hanrahan, Chaffield Eberhard, Joseph Kelley, Thornton Flynn, Joseph Flynn, William Kaufman, Carroll Bigger, J. A. De Louie, Harry Clarke, Robert McIntire.

Bassos—Charles Hammer, Albert Hammer, Louis Kennedy, Ray Flannigan, Dan Lawler, Walter Pilson, Joseph Hund, D. J. Gleason, Newton Elder, R. L. Gaspar, Joe Bowling.

HIGH HONOR.

Franciscans Elect Father Leo Head of the Order.

Word has been received here announcing the election of the Very Rev. Father Leo Greulich, for the past ten years pastor of St. Anthony's church, as Provincial of the order of Minor Conventuals of Black Franciscans. The election was held at the chapter of the United States Province at Syracuse. The news of Father Leo's election was received here with mingled rejoicing and regret. His people rejoice over his ecclesiastical preferment, but they regret his departure from Louisville, since he will become necessary to him to make his headquarters as Provincial at the mother house in Syracuse.

Father Leo celebrated his silver jubilee on December 29 last. He came to Louisville as a young priest more than twenty years ago. After serving as assistant at St. Anthony's he returned East, only to be transferred back some years later as pastor of St. Anthony's. As he succeeded the late Father Miller as pastor, so has he succeeded him as Provincial. When Father Miller died last fall Father Leo was chosen to fill his place as Provincial for the time being. Now he has been elected for a term of several years.

The new Provincial is known in Louisville as a church and school builder, as a zealous worker, as a public spirited citizen and as a lover of clean, healthy exercise. Local baseball fans will miss Father Leo almost as much as his parishioners. His administration as Provincial will do great things for his order.

RETURNED TO KENTUCKY.

Mrs. Bridget O'Brien and sons, Joseph and Thomas, formerly of Lexington and well known in that section of Kentucky, who some time ago went to Enid, Okla., to reside, returned this week to the Bluegrass capital, where they will make their future home.

CAVAN

County of Mountains, Lakes and Rivers in the North.

Ruins of Abbey's and Castles on Many Picturesque Islands.

Seat of O'Reilly Family in Very Ancient Times Says History.

OF INTEREST TO AMERICANS

Cavan is another county in the North of Ireland, and was named after the town of Cavan, which takes its name from the remarkable hollow in which it stands. The county has an area of 746 square miles and a population of 129,000. A great part of the northwestern section is mountainous, while the remainder is a plain with gentle undulations. The plain is interspersed with lakes and bogs.

The highest mountain in Cavan is Callicagh, 2,188 feet high. Several important rivers run through County Cavan, but belong only in small part to it. The celebrated Shannon rises in the northwestern extremity. The Owenaghy, running south on the western boundary of Cavan, joins the Shannon just before the latter enters Lough Allen. The Claddagh, the Woodford, the Annalee and the Dromore rivers either rise or pass through the County Cavan. The Meath Blackwater and the Moyalty rivers also irrigate the land of Cavan.

Many picturesque lakes are also to be found within the confines of the county, and these lakes are made more picturesque on account of the number of islands, many of which are sites for ruined castles and abbeys. Trinity Abbey and Clough-Oughter Castle are among the historic ruins most visited.

Cavan, the county town, has a population of about 3,000, while other towns and villages number less than 2,000. The Connaught coal field extends into this county. Iron, lead and copper are also found within its borders. The ancient name of the county was East Bregny, or Bregny O'Reilly, because it was the patrimony of the O'Reillys, and Croghan, a little place near Killashandra, was formerly the site used for inaugurating the Prince of Bregny. The plain lying around Ballymaguran, on the boundary line of Leitrim, was the ancient Moyseagh, where the pagan Irish worshipped. It is claimed that St. Patrick destroyed an idol there in his time.

Belturbet, a picturesque and historical little town on the Erve river between Lough Oughter and Lough Erne, is a miniature industrial center. It boasts a distillery and has communication by barges with Lough Erne and Lough Neagh. Ballyboynagh boasts an unusual number of public institutions for a small town. Other towns in Cavan are Kingscourt, Virginia, Ballyjamesduff and Killashandra.

The extreme length from Lough Macnean to the southeast near Kingscourt is fifty-seven and a half miles and its breadth is twenty-seven miles.

The County Cavan expects many visitors during the Irish homecoming this summer. From an American point of view Cavan is one of the most historic counties in Ireland. Within its confines are to be found the old homestead of the ancestors of "Fighting Phil" Sheridan, the great cavalry leader and hero of the civil war; the Presbyterian church near Killashandra, in which the progenitors of Edgar Allen Poe worshipped; the birthplace in Cotehill of Mrs. Sadlier, the great Irish-American author; the house at Quillea in which Dean Swift completed "Gulliver's Travels," and in which Richard Brinsley Sheridan, the dramatist, was born; the celebrated Clough Oughter Castle, in which the Irish chieftain Owen Roe O'Neill died; the island on which was born St. Mogue, who helped to convert the Welsh to Christianity; and the well of St. Dymphna, who in the tenth century fled from her pagan father, who followed her to Ghel, in Belgium, where he killed her.

Also in County Cavan can be seen among scores of other sights the Druid altars near Ballyconnell; the plain of Magh Sleight, on which stood the golden Col of Crom Cruach, which St. Patrick destroyed with twelve lesser idols 1500 years ago, and the battlefield where the O'Reillys and O'Rourke met in 1256.

CATHOLIC TEACHERS

Will Hold Seventh Annual Convention in Detroit.

The Catholics of Detroit are making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the delegates to the seventh annual convention of the Catholic Educational Association, which will meet in that city July 5, 6 and 7. The Right Rev. Bishop Foley is very enthusiastic over the prospects, and has called a

diocesan collection to defray the many expenses incident to the convention. The clergy of the city are holding meetings every three weeks and have the situation well in hand.

On July 4 Bishop Foley will hold a reception at the hotel headquarters. On the following morning he will deliver an address of welcome to the delegates after Pontifical mass at the Jesuit church. After the mass the President, the Rev. Dr. Shahan, rector of the Catholic University at Washington, will preside at the business sessions. A feature of the convention will be a chorus of 1,000 school children of the Detroit parochial schools.

FATHER CASSILLY

Began Movement Leading to Beneficial Results.

The Catholic Truth Society calls attention to a movement started in America by a Jesuit priest, the Rev. Father Francis B. Cassilly, a native of Louisville, a son of the venerable Bernard Cassilly and a brother of John P. Cassilly. The clipping sent out by the Catholic Truth Society tells us that Pope Pius X., in his encyclical letter on the teaching of Christian doctrine, decreed and strictly commanded that, in large towns, and especially in those which contain universities, colleges and grammar schools, religious classes be founded, to instruct in the truths of faith and in the practice of Christian life the young people who frequent the public schools from which all religious teaching is banned.

The Rev. Father Cassilly, S. J., took the matter up in the American Ecclesiastical Review and called attention to the necessity of caring for Catholic students at the secular universities. His advice was acted upon at once and the movement is growing steadily. At Harvard the Catholic students have an eighteen-room club house as well as a chapel and chaplain. In 1907 the late Bishop McQuaid appointed a Catholic chaplain at Cornell University. Pupils and chaplains have also been provided for the University of Wisconsin, Columbia University, New York, the University of Texas and Catholic clubs have been formed among the students at Yale, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri Universities.

SARTO COUNCIL

Opens New Quarters Under Very Favorable Auspices.

Sarto Council, Y. M. I., of Owensboro, opened its handsome new club rooms under most favorable auspices on Thursday night of last week. The occasion was celebrated with an entertainment and hoosah warming for the members, the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary and their respective families. The quarters are commodious, equipped with every modern convenience and the mission idea is carried out in all the furnishings. After the reception and entertainment the young people enjoyed a dance.

The Catholic young men of Owensboro are enthusiastic over the prospects for the council and weekly meetings are being held. Each week brings new applications and it is planned to initiate a class of fifty on June 5.

A team from Sarto Council will debate the woman suffrage question with a team from Mackin Council of Louisville on June 26. The debate will be held in Sarto Council's new quarters. Sarto Council has reorganized its baseball club for the summer, has a whist club, a literary club and is preparing to install a complete gymnasium outfit.

BIG DAY

For Children and Parents of St. Philip Neri's.

Tomorrow will be a happy day for the parents and children of St. Philip Neri's church, Woodbine street, of which the Rev. Oscar Ackerman, D. C. L., is the energetic and beloved pastor. At 8:30 o'clock there will be a solemn high mass celebrated by Father Ackerman, assisted by Father Remigius, O. F. M., and two Franciscan clerics, at which thirty-one children and three adults will receive their first holy communion. The choir will render a special musical programme and will be assisted by Prof. John Burkholder on the violin. Immediately after the mass the Right Rev. Bishop O'Donoghue will administer the sacrament of confirmation. For many weeks preparation has been making for this occasion and the pretty church will doubtless be thronged, and the presence of the Bishop will lend added interest. Because of the foregoing the first mass on this Sunday will be at 6 o'clock.

MAKES FATHER PROUD.

Col. John T. Donovan, local agent of the Illinois Central railroad at Paducah and a leading Knight of Columbus, received a telegram Monday stating that his son, Lieut. Richard Donovan, of Fort Screven, Georgia, had been appointed instructor at the West Point Military Academy. Lieut. Donovan has been in the army but two years, and his rapid rise is a source of great pride to his parents and Kentucky friends.

MOURNING

For King Edward Causes Postponement of the Clash.

Liberals and the Tories Have Agreed Upon Temporary Truce.

United Irish League Is Doing Great Things For Tenants.

HOME RULE ONLY DELAYED

The sudden death of King Edward has caused a postponement of several months in the expected clash between the Liberals and Tories in Great Britain. Grief over the death of King Edward has a more personal and more genuine note than the grief over the death of Queen Victoria, who was loved more as a great institution than as a personality. Edward, by his human qualities, by his extraordinary energy and his immense triumphs in the world as a peacemaker, and even by his great human weaknesses, inspired an immense personal affection. Englishmen at the bottom are intensely sentimental, and now the emotional tide flows strongly. Politicians are compelled like others to bow to the immense tidal wave and for the moment any serious discussion of the grave conflict between the Liberals and Tories would be scouted as indecent. The Liberal Ministers have accordingly resolved to postpone any decision on their future action until the atmosphere of the funeral has time to disappear, and certain things are recognized as inevitable. The final clash between Lords and Liberals can not occur as was expected in June, and this first postponement necessarily involves a further postponement. The Liberals can not allow the general election either in July or August, those months being always fatal to that party in electioneering.

The Liberals are still resolved to make no compromise on the essential principles, especially on the power to pass home rule legislation and the Welsh church disestablishment bill in a single Parliament. Hon. T. P. O'Connor nevertheless says that compromise is in the air, especially as the new King favors it, and all parties shrink from the responsibility of throwing him thus early in his reign into the vortex of such a fierce internal controversy. Some of the Tories are said to be ready to make big concessions, but this remains to be seen. One of the most curious developments of the situation is the continuous growth of a softening feeling among the English masses and even the politicians with regard to Ireland and home rule.

Mr. O'Connor declares that for the first time in the history of the two countries the death of an English sovereign has caused an outburst of genuine sorrow in Ireland. In every county meetings were held and sympathetic messages were sent to the King and his mother. It is possible that Ireland by prudence and tact may therefore find this one of the most applicable moments in its history for producing reconciliation with England on the basis of self-government.

Most of the Irish leaders are scattered. Hon. John E. Redmond is on the continent and nearly all the other Irish members are in Ireland attending meetings which have been arranged prior to the King's illness. The fact that few of the Irish leaders were in London for the funeral is regarded as unfortunate by some people, who insist that their presence would have an immense effect on the English feeling, now open as it has not been since the death of Gladstone.

The gigantic transformation which is going on in Ireland and which is throwing back and extinguishing the old Ireland of penal days and landlord rule as completely as an earthquake in an old city, brings home to almost every peasant a great opportunity to be gained or lost. Everywhere tenants at great estates are meeting to discuss the terms on which they will buy their lands with the assistance of the State. They look for advice and assistance to their priests, to their political leaders, but above all to the United Irish League. Another great sphere of operation is the restoration of evicted tenants. More than 4,000 persons who were driven out of their farms, whose houses were razed, whose fields were given over either to men specially brought in or to waste, have been restored to their holdings or to others equally as good within the last few years. All these tenants have owed the preparation and success of their claims to the United Irish League and its indefatigable secretary.

VETERAN TRAVELER.

The venerable Father Gribben, of Aberdeen, N. D., where he is chaplain of St. Joseph's Hospital, is preparing to make his fifty-third trip across the Atlantic ocean. He will visit Rome and other cities on the European continent. He will be seventy-nine years old on June 6 and expects to celebrate his birthday on the ocean.